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SYNOPSIS

Grants driving privileges to certain individuals without road test during COVID-19 public health emergency and state of emergency.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning temporary measures for granting driving
2 privileges for certain persons during the COVID-19 public health
3 emergency and state of emergency.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. During the public health emergency and state of
9 emergency declared on March 9, 2020 by the Governor, pursuant to
10 Executive Order No. 103 and extended, where applicable, by
11 subsequent executive orders, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
12 Commission shall waive the road test requirement for the granting
13 of driving privileges if all of the following conditions exist:

14 (1) the commission is not offering road tests for applicants for a
15 driver's license;

16 (2) the applicant is 17 years of age or older;

17 (3) (a) for applicants who are 17 years of age, the applicant has
18 completed at least 40 hours of supervised driving as certified by the
19 signature of a parent or guardian who is at least 21 years of age, has
20 been licensed to drive in the State for not less than three years, and
21 has supervised the applicant's driving during the applicant's permit
22 period;

23 (b) for applicants who are over the age of 17 but under the age
24 of 21, the applicant has completed at least 40 hours of supervised
25 driving as certified by the signature of an adult who is at least 21
26 years of age, has been licensed to drive in the State for not less than
27 three years, and has supervised the applicant's driving during the
28 applicant's permit period, and

29 (c) for applicants who are 21 years of age or older, the applicant
30 has completed at least 20 hours of supervised driving as certified by
31 the signature of an adult who is at least 21 years of age, has been
32 licensed to drive in the State for not less than three years, and has
33 supervised the applicant's driving during the applicant's permit
34 period;

35 (4) the applicant did not have any reportable accidents during
36 the applicant's permit period; and

37 (5) the applicant was not cited for any moving violations during
38 the applicant's permit period.

39 b. The commission shall electronically issue a printable form to
40 any applicant who meets the criteria established in subsection a. of
41 this section that indicates that the person is authorized to operate a
42 motor vehicle on the roadways of this State, provided that the
43 holder of such a form shall be bound by any restrictions that would
44 otherwise be applicable to the holder of a probationary driver's
45 license. The applicant shall carry the form with the applicant's
46 permit at all times while operating a motor vehicle. The
47 commission shall update its records to indicate that the holder of a

1 form issued pursuant to this subsection is authorized to operate a
2 motor vehicle, subject to the restrictions applicable to a holder of a
3 probationary driver's license.

4 c. If the commission opens its locations or agencies throughout
5 the State and begins to offer road tests for driver's licenses, the
6 applicant shall visit a commission location or agency to replace the
7 form with an official driver's license, at a time and in a manner
8 determined by the commission, subject to all requirements for
9 renewal of a driver's license.

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11 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire: upon
12 rescission by the Governor of Executive Order No. 103 of 2020 and
13 any subsequent executive orders extending the public health
14 emergency; or, in the absence of a rescission by the Governor, upon
15 the termination in any other manner of the declared state of
16 emergency and public health emergency.

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19 STATEMENT
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21 This bill requires the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
22 (MVC) to grant driving privileges to individuals during the State's
23 ongoing public health emergency and state of emergency without
24 the need to take a road test. The MVC is required to grant these
25 driving privileges if all of the following circumstances exist: the
26 MVC is not offering road tests for applicants for a driver's license;
27 the applicant is at least 17 years old; applicants under the age of 21
28 have completed at least 40 hours of supervised driving or applicants
29 21 years of age and over have completed at least 20 hours of
30 supervised driving; the applicant did not have any reportable
31 accidents during the permit period; and the applicant was not cited
32 for any moving violations during the permit period.

33 The MVC is to electronically issue a form to each eligible
34 applicant that indicates that the individual is authorized to operate a
35 motor vehicle in the State, subject to the restrictions of a
36 probationary driver's license. The applicant is required to carry this
37 form, along with the applicant's permit, at all times when operating
38 a motor vehicle. The MVC is required to update its records to
39 indicate that the person is authorized to drive and is subject to the
40 restrictions applicable to a holder of a probationary driver's license.

41 If the MVC opens its locations and begins offering road tests, the
42 applicant is required to visit an MVC location to replace the form
43 with an official driver's license, at a time and in a manner
44 determined by the MVC, subject to all requirements for renewal of
45 a driver's license.